

CLAIMS

1. A method of accessing a plurality of remote data resources, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a locator for a single remote data
5 resource;

identifying a generic portion of said single remote data resource locator and a distinctive portion of said single remote data resource locator;

10 modifying the generic portion or the distinctive portion of said single remote data resource locator to create one or more new remote data resource locators; and

accessing the remote data resources located by the received single remote data resource locator and said one or more created remote data resource locators.

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2. A method according to claim 1 wherein said distinctive portion of said single remote data resource locator is translated into one or more different languages.

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3. A method according to claim 2 wherein a new generic portion is selected for each translated distinctive remote data resource locator in accordance with the translation language.

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4. A method according to claim 1, wherein one or more further generic remote data resource locator portions are generated and each of said generated generic portions is combined with the distinctive portion of said single
30 remote data resource locator to create one or more new remote data resource locators.

5. A method according to claim 4 wherein the one or more further generic remote data resource locator portions are chosen randomly from a plurality of generic remote data resource locator portions.

6. A method according to claim 5 wherein the one or more further generic remote data resource locator portions are chosen randomly from a plurality of generic remote data resource locator portions, each of said plurality of generic remote data resource locator portions having an equal probability of being chosen.

7. A method according to claim 5 wherein the one or more further generic remote data resource locator portions are chosen randomly from a plurality of generic remote data resource locator portions, each of said plurality of generic remote data locator resource portions having a respective predetermined probability of being chosen.

8. A method according to claim 7 in which each respective predetermined probability of being chosen is constant.

9. A method according to claim 7 in which one or more of said respective predetermined probabilities of being chosen may be varied.

10. A method according to claim 1, wherein the one or more further generic portions indicate a geographical location.

11. A method according to claim 1, wherein the one or more further generic portions indicate an organisational descriptor.
- 5 12. A method according to claim 1, wherein one or more further distinctive portions are created by adding one or more generic sequence into said distinctive data resource locator portion.
- 10 13. A method according to claim 1, wherein one or more further distinctive portions are created by removing one or more generic sequence from said distinctive data resource locator portion.
- 15 14. A method according to claim 1, wherein one or more further distinctive portions are created by processing said distinctive data resource locator portion to create one or more synonyms.
- 20 15. A method according to claim 1, wherein said single remote data resource locator comprises solely a distinctive portion and a plurality of remote data resource locators are created by generating a plurality of generic remote data resource locator portions and
25 combining these with said distinctive portion.
16. A computer program arranged to
receive a locator for a single remote data resource;
identify a generic portion of said single remote data
30 resource locator and a distinctive portion of said single remote data resource locator;

modify the generic portion or the distinctive portion of said single remote data resource locator to create one or more new remote data resource locators; and

5 access the remote data resources located by the received single remote data resource locator and said one or more created remote data resource locators.

17. A computer terminal attached to a communications network arranged to

10 receive a locator for a single remote data resource located on the communications network;

identify a generic portion of said single remote data resource and a distinctive portion of said single remote data resource;

15 modify the generic portion or the distinctive portion of said single remote data resource to create one or more new remote data resource locators; and

access via the communications network the remote data resources located by the received single remote data resource locator and said one or more created remote data resource locators.

18. A server attached to a communications network arranged to

25 receive a locator for a single data resource located on the communications network;

identify a generic portion of said single data resource and a distinctive portion of said single data resource;

30 modify the generic portion or the distinctive portion of said single data resource to create one or more remote data resource locators;

(i) serve via the communications network the data resource located by the received single data resource locator; and

(ii) serve via the communications network the one or more data resource located by said respective one or more created remote data resource locators.

19. A server attached to a communications network arranged to

10 receive a locator for a single data resource located on the communications network;

identifying one or more further remote data resource locators that are associated with said single remote data resource locator; and

15 serve via the communications network said single remote data resource locator and said associated one or more remote data resource locators.

20. A server according to claim 19, wherein said associated one or more remote data resource locators are identified by a data set stored on a remote terminal.

21. A method of accessing a plurality of remote data resources, the method comprising the steps of:

25 receiving a single remote data resource locator; identifying one or more further remote data resource locators that are associated with said single remote data resource locator; and

30 accessing said single remote data resource locator and said associated one or more remote data resource locators.

22. A method according to claim 21 wherein said associated one or more remote data resource locators are identified by a data set stored on a remote terminal.

5 23. A method according to claim 21 wherein the association of said one or more further remote data resource locators with said single remote data resource locator may be configured.

10 24. A method according to claim 23 wherein said association is may be configured by a user.

25. A method of accessing a plurality of remote data resources, the method comprising the steps of:

15 receiving a locator for a single remote data resource;

accessing the remote data resource identified by said locator;

20 analysing the remote data resource to generate one or more distinctive remote data resource locator portions;

creating one or more remote data resource locators by combining said one or more distinctive remote data resource locator portions with a respective generic remote data resource locator portion; and

25 accessing the remote data resource located by said created one or more remote data resource locators.